

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 513

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ESTHER**
4 **KARINGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), Esther Karinge shall be eligible for
8 the issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of
9 status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent
10 residence upon filing an application for issuance of an im-
11 migrant visa under section 204 of such Act (8 U.S.C.

1 1154) or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent
2 resident.

3 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Esther Karinge
4 enters the United States before the filing deadline speci-
5 fied in subsection (c)—

6 (1) she shall be considered to have entered and
7 remained lawfully in the United States; and

8 (2) if otherwise eligible, she shall be eligible for
9 adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immig-
10 ration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) as of
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
13 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply unless the
14 application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the appli-
15 cation for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate
16 fees not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.

18 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
19 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or lawful perma-
20 nent residence to Esther Karinge, the Secretary of State
21 shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the
22 current or next following fiscal year—

23 (1) the total number of immigrant visas that
24 are made available to natives of the country of Es-

1 ther's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration
2 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)); or

3 (2) the total number of immigrant visas that
4 are made available to natives of the country of Es-
5 ther's birth under section 202(e) of such Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1152(e)), if applicable.

7 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION
8 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural
9 parents, brothers, and sisters of Esther Karinge shall not,
10 by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privi-
11 lege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act
12 (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

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